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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,027,856	02/2000	Nozaki et al.			
	AB	6,013,416	01/2000	Noziaki et al.			
	AC	4,166,915	09/1979	Bucholz			
	AD	4,018,767	04/1977	Buyniski et al.			
	AE	6,512,067	01/2003	Nishi et al.			
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	AO	WO 00/01684	01-2000	WIPO w/English Abstract	YES	NO	x
	AP						
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/246,619, filed September 19, 2002, pending, which is a Division of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/884,977, filed June 21, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,541,597, which is a Division of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/401,181, filed September 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,303, 266, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-269320	September 24, 1998
Japan	11-70591	March 16, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

are submitted herewith

will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/401,181 filed September 23, 1999

were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are of record in prior application Serial No. 10/246,619 filed September 19, 2002.
 A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
 A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
 No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment form is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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